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MEMORANDUM

4 June 1953

SUBJECT: ASO, Tatsuo - FJY/PRQ/1364, Revised May 1953

1. Subject, also known as MEIDORUJAP and ME Te Ru Jappu, has been connected with LF BEATRICE since early 1951.

2. According to WASH-48180, 30 June 1951, [] listed as a friend of ASO's in Long Beach, California, was working as a shipping clerk for Montgomery Ward. ([] F-3330 to WASH F, 28 January 1952 ([] S/KAPOK), suggested that he be dispatched []. He, as well as ASO, is mentioned in an AMCY DAILY NEWS story of 22 April 1951 on the theft of natural resources information on northeast China by a U. S. intelligence organization at Changchun. The intelligence organization is identified as the U. S. Changchun Navy Foreign Affairs Office, also known as U. S. External Survey Detachment 44. The article states that in the summer of 1947 [] a Japanese agent of the organization, stole a large batch of material from the President of the Manchurian Heavy Industry Company. ASO Tatsuo is mentioned in the article as a co-worker of TANIGUCHI, Morio, another Japanese agent of the U. S. Changchun Navy Foreign Affairs Office.

3. FRU files contain no record of the other names in ASO's revised PRQ, with the exception of TAKAHASHI. There were sixteen TAKAHASHI Kasuo's, the name of ASO's landlord's first son, and eleven TAKAHASHI Minoru's, the second son's name, officially registered as members of the Communist Party as of February 1950. None of these persons, however, were living in Kanagawa-ken. (GHQ/FEC Publication, Volume 5) Other TAKAHASHI's referenced in FRU files include:

a. (fmu) a Japanese Consul in Shanghai during the occupation (source and date unknown);

b. (fmu) a Secretary at the Japanese Consulate, Shanghai, in 1945 (YEX-205, 20 October 1945);

c. (fmu) a Consul and Section Head, Japanese Consulate in Shanghai (YEX-105, 11 October 1945);

d. (fmu) a Vice-Consul in the Intelligence Department of the Japanese Shanghai Consulate about 1938 to 1941 (YEX-1656, 14 December 1945);

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e. (fmu) student leader of the Japanese Black Dragon or Shui Yao Society at the Manchurian Medical College. The Black Dragon Society in Manchuria was an intelligence organization with its headquarters at the Medical College (YEX-2308, 27 May 1946);

f. (fmu) a General, Chief of the Japanese General Staff, North China Army (YEX-269, 19 September 1945, F-2);

g. (fmu) a Lieutenant who translated books written by TANNER, a Russian General who was an instructor for many years at the Military College in Russia (YST-41, 7 May 1946);

h. (fmu) a Lieutenant Colonel who was a member of the Young Officers Alliance in Harbin, a rightist organization which proposed reconstruction of the Kwantung Army (YCX-22, 2 September 1946);

i. (fmu) A Major who, along with two Warrant Officers and twenty-eight soldiers went over to Pootung (across the river from Shanghai, East) to join Communist forces there (YEX-84, 11 October 1945);

j. (fmu) of the Changchun Advance Headquarters under NECC Headquarters, Mukden (ZCA-470, 25 February 1947); and

k. (fmu) at Fushun with about ten men working under the Northeast Political Affairs Bureau, Mukden, as of about July 1946 (ZCA-470, 25 February 1947).

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